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PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM:

The Problem of Land Tenure, relative to the Settlement of Arab Refugees.

This paper was prepared by the regional specialist for the Middle East of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the United States Department of Agriculture. It characterizes the land tenure system in the Arab states as a fundamental cause of the backwar. socio-economic condition of the area, and considers that settlement of refugees must be carried out on the basis of free title to land, through assignment of land in fee simple to the refugees from state domain and/or by purchase from large landowners. As an essential concomittant to the principle of free title, the paper recommends technical and financial assistance from external sources for development projects in areas of settlement.

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